IN THE CLAIMS

- 1-11. (Canceled).
- 12. (New) A service system comprising:

an interrogator; and

a computer system,

wherein the interrogator and the computer system are interconnected via at least one of a leased circuit, a public circuit and an Internet;

the interrogator reads first information and a digital signature printed on the surface of a certificate which comprises an electronic tag by a character reading part of the interrogator, receives a second information stored in the electronic tag by an antenna part of a interrogator, and sends the first information and second information and digital signature to the computer system;

the computer system calculates a third information from the first information and the digital signature using RSA and certifies the certificate by comparing the second information with the third information.

- 13. (New) The service system according to claim 12;

 wherein the digital signature is calculated from a linkage of the first information and the second information.
- 14. (New) The service system according to claim 12;

 wherein the digital signature is calculated from a sum of the first information and the second information.
- 15. (New) The service system according to claim 12;

 wherein the digital signature is generated from a

 third information to the power of a fourth information modulo
 a fifth information for a secret key;

the third information comprises the first information and the second information; and

the secret key comprises the fourth information and the fifth information.

16. (New) The service system according to claim 12; wherein the third information is the difference between the digital signature to the power of a fifth

information modulo a sixth information for a public key and the first information; and

the public key comprises the fifth information and the sixth information.

- 17. (New) The interrogator according to claim 12;

 wherein the certificate is used as a life insurance certificate, non-life insurance certificate, a health insurance certificate, a merchandise coupon, a share certificate, a paper money, a ticket or a passenger ticket.
- 18. (New) An interrogator which reads a first information and a digital signature printed on the surface of a certificate which comprises an electronic tag by a character reading part of the interrogator, receives a second information stored in the electronic tag by an antenna part of the interrogator, calculates a third information from the first information the digital signature using RSA, and certifies the certificate by comparing the second information with the third information.

- 19. (New) The interrogator according to claim 18;

 wherein the digital signature is calculated from a sum of the first information and the second information using RSA.
- 20. (New) The interrogator according to claim 18;

 wherein the digital signature is calculated from a linkage of the first information and the second information using RSA.
- 21. (New) The interrogator according to claim 18;

 wherein the digital signature is generated from a
 third information to the power of a fourth information modulo
 a fifth information for a secret key;

the third information comprises the first information and the second information; and

the secret key comprises the fourth information and the fifth information.

22. (New) The interrogator according to claim 18;

wherein the third information is the difference between the digital signature to the power of a fifth information modulo a sixth information for a public key and the first information; and

the public key comprises the fifth information and the sixth information.

23. (New) The interrogator according to claim 18;

wherein the certificate is used as a life insurance certificate, non-life insurance certificate, a health insurance certificate, a merchandise coupon, a share certificate, a paper money, a ticket or a passenger ticket.